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In re Patent application of:

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For: TNF RECEPTOR AND STEROID HORMONE IN A COMBINED THERAPY

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2001, Applicants select Group II (Claims 21-29) drawn to a method of treating autoimmune and inflammatory diseases. This selection is made without traverse.

In response to the requirement for election of a single disclosed species, Applicants select TBP-1. This requirement is respectfully traversed on the grounds the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* basis for the requirement. It is respectfully submitted that the fact that the proteins differ with respect to their structure is insufficient to justify the requirement.

In response to the requirement for a listing of all claims readable on the elected species, Applicants designate claims 21 and 25 through 29.

The early further consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

In the event any fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the underpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

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